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SUBJECT Export of Portuguese Cork to Russia

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1. On 6 December 1946, the "Voroshilov", a Russian ship registered at the port of Odessa, sailed from Lisbon with a cargo of bitumen and cork. The "Voroshilov" had arrived in Lisbon on 29 November from Valona, Albania, carrying some 520 tons of bitumen loaded there; in Lisbon enough cork was picked up to fill the holds as well as all available deck space.
2. Supposedly, it has been found that the best type of cork for bottling vodka is the Portuguese product, and accordingly the Russians have come to some agreement with the Portuguese whereby they can acquire the necessary amounts. Salazar had approved an arrangement whereby Barreira e Cia., Rua Aurea 170, one of the largest cork exporters in Portugal, may make such shipments of cork to Russia, provided that each shipment is especially approved by the Portuguese Ministry of Economy.

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